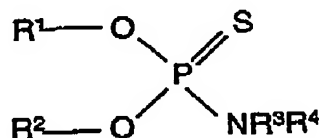


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Previously Presented) A method for flotation of sulfide ores, said method comprising contacting said sulfide ores with at least one compound of the formula



where

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently of one another are alkyl groups having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl groups having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or alkylaryl groups having 7 to 10 carbon atoms, and

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl groups having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl groups having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, aryl groups having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, or alkylaryl groups having 7 to 10 carbon atoms.

2.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently of one another are C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl groups.

3.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said contacting occurs in a pH range from 2 to 12.

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4.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is present in amounts of 0.001 to 1.0 kg per tonne of said ores.

5.(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said sulfide ores are nonferrous sulfide ores, the nonferrous sulfide ores selected from the group consisting of copper sulfide, nickel sulfide, zinc sulfide, lead sulfide, molybdenum sulfide, and mixtures thereof.

Claims 6 – 9 (Canceled)